

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Black Psychiatrists of America, which will hold its 2004 Spring Conference March 25-28, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, the theme of the 2004 Spring Conference is "Forging New Frontiers in the Mental Health of African-Americans: Eliminating the Stigma and Removing the Disparities"; and

**Whereas**, the Black Psychiatrists of America was established in 1969 in response to the struggles, social conditions of Black Americans, professional experiences, and the barriers faced by Black psychiatrists; and

**Whereas**, since the graduation of Solomon Carter Fuller from Boston University School of Medicine in 1897, black psychiatrists have persistently struggled to impact and effect changes in American psychiatry; and

**Whereas**, the founders of the Black Psychiatrists of America understood the importance to move progressively to ensure the emotional and psychological development of African Americans, affording them the tools to cope and to succeed in the face of persistent racism; and

**Whereas**, the Black Psychiatrists of America realized its special obligation to emphasize the mental health and emotional development of African Americans, and formulated objectives addressing requisite interdisciplinary action and definition of problems; and

**Whereas**, the Black Psychiatrists of America has evolved over thirty years and continues to meet the challenges of the Twenty-first Century in the healthcare and problematic social conditions:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all the dedicated members and leaders of the Black Psychiatrists of America at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Black Psychiatrists of America.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Craig Bland  
District No. 43

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker